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\$60,000 Charity Challenge for Local Food Shelves Met

St. Cloud, MN -- The Norman C. Skalicky Foundation and the Central Minnesota Community Foundation announce that the ninth annual Community Charity Challenge has been met. Over \$67,000 has been received from the community to date, bringing the total raised for local food shelves to more than \$127,000—a record high for the annual challenge.

Norman C. Skalicky, CEO of Stearns Bank N.A., decided to increase the match from \$25,000 to \$60,000 last week because of the tremendous response from the community, and the new total was quickly surpassed. "It is wonderful to see such a generous response at a time when so many are in need," Skalicky said. "Thank you everyone for helping to make a difference."

Since Skalicky started the Charity Challenge in 2001 more than \$700,000 has been donated to the Catholic Charities, Salvation Army and St. Joseph food shelves.

While the challenge has been met, the Community Foundation will continue to accept donations for local food shelves through December 31st. Donations may be made online at CommunityGiving.org. Checks made payable to the Central Minnesota Community Foundation (Charity Challenge) may be mailed to or dropped off at the Central Minnesota Community Foundation, 101 Seventh Ave. S, Suite 100, St. Cloud, MN, 56301.